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Almighty and Eternal God, who in Jesus Christ dwelt among us, that we might experience thy love: O thou who hast promised in Jesus Christ that thou wilt be with thy children when they gather in his name, grant us now thy Holy Spirit - that we may once again be startled by thy truth, and once again respond to thee in humble worship. Guide our hearts and minds as we pray - our Father, that our prayers may reflect thy will and express thy purpose for our lives, through J.C. our Lord. ~~Amen~~

Let us pray for our nation

O Thou who art the Lord of all history - and the Father of all men be with these United States in this critical time. [redacted] Be with the Pres. ~~and again exercise our freedom in this election year - help us all to see that our ultimate allegiance is to thee and thee alone. Forgive us for things said in the heat of argument: Forgive us for things~~ left unsaid: grant us, as a nation, a new vision of thy purpose for us - through J.C. our Lord. ~~Amen~~

Let us pray for others:

O Thou who taught us to be merciful and kind - and to love our neighbors as ourselves, hear us as we pray for others. Grant thy healing grace to the sick - especially to those of our own number who are ill - ~~Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Meinert~~. Be with those who sorrow: grant thy comfort to the depressed, courage to the downtrodden. Grant to each one of us - that depth of being that will make us even more sensitive to the suffering of others: through J.C. our Lord.

Let us pray for the Church + our own congregation

O Thou who hast created the world and all that is therein - and who hast chosen to work in the world through Thy Church - we pray for that body, Holy, Universal. On this Reformation Sunday, we give thee thanks for thy servants in the past who have had the courage to speak the truth - and through whom Thy Church has been renewed and reformed. We thank thee for those today who serve Thee through thy Church - and we humbly ask thy blessing upon them. Through J.C. our Lord

Finally, our Father - be with us - now and in the coming weeks as we go about being Thy Church. We realize our dependence on thee - and we pray that our efforts may show forth thy will: through J.C. our Lord - who taught his disciples to pray saying